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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Inventors: Montero-Julian *et al.*
Our Ref: 2512.0230001/KWM/C-K

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b);
2. Two (2) pages of Form PTO/SB/08A citing 29 documents (US1-US20 and FP1-FP9);
3. A copy of nine (9) of the cited documents (FP1-FP9);
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5. A copy of 62 of the cited documents (NPL1-NPL62); and
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Copies of documents **FP1** to **FP9** and **NPL1** to **NPL62** are submitted. However, copies of the U.S. patents and patent application publications cited on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a, **US1** to **US20**, are not submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2).

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following co-pending U.S. Patent application in related technical subject matter:

U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application No. 10/269,473 (Atty. Dkt. No. 2512.0230000(2147-183)), inventors Montero - Julian *et al.*, filed October 11, 2002, published as US 2004-0072262 A1, cited as document **US16**.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following co-pending and co-owned U.S. Patent applications:

U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application No. 10/782,664 (Atty. Dkt. No. 2512.0210000(2052-183)), inventors Montero - Julian *et al.*, filed February 18, 2004, published as U.S. 2005-0095655 A1, cited as document **US18**;

U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application No. 11/123,829 (Atty. Dkt. No. 2512.0200001(2156-183)), inventors Nugent *et al.*, filed, published as U.S. 2005-0287611 A1, cited as document **US19**; and

U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application No. 11/156,365 (Atty. Dkt. No. 2512.0260002(04US0033)), inventor Maeurer, filed June 17, 2005, published as U.S. 2006-0040332 A1, cited as document **US20**.

The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)A, Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following discussion of the relevance of a non-English language document, FP4, cited on Form PTO/SB/08A:

Document FP4, WO 97/004085 A1, is in the German language. An English language abstract of document FP4 can be found on the face page of the published patent application.

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